



"DIRLETON."—NORTH-EAST ELEVATION AND PERGOLA. Hoggard & Prouse, Architects.

### "Dirleton."

The residence of Mr. J. A. Pike, at Hieretaunga, of which we reproduce illustrations, is beautifully situated. From its various rooms, balconies, piazza and porches fine views are obtained of the golf links and surrounding country.

Solid foundations of concrete, brick walls rough cast, with the exterior of the first floor covered with Californian shingles and a tile roof, lend character to the whole general scheme. How rarely one sees a house that is so attractive viewed from the back as from the front, yet here is one where the treatment of the rear of the house gives added charms. The house, while not excessively large, is planned to give a feeling of roominess, but without loss of space. Balconies and porches are so provided as to give ample shelter from winds in any storm, from any direction, of the weather. The main entrance is from the portico leading into a panelled hall, with its red brick open fireplace with massive stone shelf and seats on either side.

The walls of the dining and breakfast rooms are panelled with art tinted fabric, the interior grates being surrounded with hand-made tiles, these, together with the heavy beamed ceilings, add to the general effectiveness. The whole of the woods used in the interior are handsomely grained, and add greatly to the artistic effect, with the soft brown stain used to bring out the detail of its natural beauty.

The second story, with its suit of apartments, day and night nurseries, bedrooms, servants' quarters, hot linen press and bathrooms, furnished with porcelain fixtures and nickelplated plumbing, is arranged for comfort and convenience, and has been carefully planned with a view to making use of all the space to the best advantage, and much attention has been given to all the little details which go to make a home liveable.

A modern Oregon gas plant supplies the house with light, gas fires and cooker. Messrs. Hoggard & Prouse were the architects, and also designed the surrounding grounds, a most important feature.



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### Government House.

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beaten copper have been installed in all the principal rooms. The illumination of the ballroom has received special attention, the large chandeliers having their burners replaced with bulbs, and a large number of bracket lights have been placed round the walls, so that ample lighting is assured.

In order that the mistake made in Wellington should not be repeated in Auckland, particular care was paid by the officers of the Public Works Department to the sanitary arrangements. On examination it was found that existing arrangements would have to be entirely removed, and new ones substituted. This has been carried out with careful attention to detail, and the new sanitary system, as it stands, is simpler and more reliable than the old.

With the funds in hand it has not been possible to make large additions to any of the existing buildings, but the servants' hall has been nearly doubled in size, some men-servants' rooms built, and a new room provided for the orderly.

The sum of £700 was voted for the re-furnishing of Government House, and this work has been carried out under the direc-



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